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**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4471.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOREST SERVICE AND INTERIOR FIRE FIGHTING POLICY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine firefighting policy with the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Representative Schiff; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mike Poole, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a hearing to examine innovation and inclusion, focusing on the Americans with Disabilities Act at 20, including H.R. 3101, to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to emerging Internet Protocol-based communication and video programming technologies in the 21st Century, and S. 3304, to increase the access of persons with disabilities to modern communications, after receiving testimony from Representative Markey (MA); Bobbie Beth Scoggins, National Association of the Deaf

(NAD), Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Russell Harvard, Austin, Texas, both on behalf of the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT); Thomas Wlodkowski, AOL Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C., and Brian K. Pearce, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joshua Gotbaum, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Richard Sorian, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SUDAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine assessing challenges and opportunities for peace in Sudan, after receiving testimony from Katherine J. Almquist, National Defense University Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Alison Giffen, Henry L. Stimson Center, and Anne C. Richard, International Rescue Committee, all of Washington, D.C.; and David Mozersky, Humanity United, Redwood City, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2781, to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David K. Mineta, of California, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, Deborah Loewenberg Ball, of Michigan, Margaret R. McLeod, of the District of Columbia, and Bridget Terry Long, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Tracie Stevens, of Washington, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after receiving testimony from Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, LaConner, Washington, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.